

of that *Aspidium*, & found only one showing
this anomaly, & that in 2 only of the
fronds. It is, so far as I have noticed,
confined to the fertile fronds. The branching
is a leafy bifurcation at top, far more
rare than one inch or two at top. I
have also another *Aspidium*, somewhere,
collected last summer, in which the
sterile branches into two fronds. If you
desire it, I will send you a specimen
of the *A. acrostichum* so branched.

Your very resptly.

G. W. Clinton.

Prof. Asa Gray.

Buffalo, Oct. 15, 1862.

Dear Sir:

Sometimes since I sent you
seeds of *Astragalus Canadensis*, &
afterwards, I think, the few I could
collect of *A. Cooperi*. I have not
been apprized of their reception; nor
have one or more queries I ad=
dressed to you been answered. As=
suming that ~~they~~ my communica=
tions have been received, & that
your avocations have prevented
any notice of them. I would
state some facts & ask for ad=
vice in behalf of our Society.

We have collected this season,
on the foundation of our local herba=
rium, more than 600 species,
excluding the *Funariales*, *Cyperaceae*,
Gramineae & *Cryptogamia*.
The season is now, substantially,
over, & we ought to commence

the preparation of our *Herbarium*. Dr
Tovey promised to send us the plan of
his *Herbarium*, but has omitted to
do so. My impression is that the
better plan is to affix each specimen
to a sheet of stiff paper, to collect the
specimens of each genus in a sheet, paper
only labelled. & to put the genera
into portfolios ~~labeled~~ labelled with
the nat. orders. The use of bound
books seems to me objectionable, as it
fosters change, addition, & allocation
for comparison. You will oblige
us very much by your advice,
which cannot be too particular.

I have not made any very marvellous
discoveries since I last wrote you, but
the following facts ^{& genera} may be worth writing.

I find the old *Carduus Marianus*
growing here - a rare escape from cultivation.
I cannot reduce it to *Carduus*
as now defined, nor to any other genus
in your Manual. What is it
under the present division?

I find also a *Ruscus* with the pinnatifid
leaves & four-sided pod. The flowers are
in conspicuous white racemes. & the
odor is like freshly filled cloths. It
seems to me that it is not the *Ruscus*
& that it agrees pretty well with the
notes of Persoon's *Enchiridion* -

A small plant - 3-5 in high & robust
invariably with a single stem - better known.
It has the aspect of *Gratiola hirsuta*, &
may be it - but is much sturdier - is confined
to one locality. & from a peep I had into
one well-opened corolla (I had lost my
magnifier) I think the inside is bearded.
Shall I send you specimens?

Yesterday I went after the *Botrychium*
humarioides etc. & found what I suppose
to be the a or the *obliquum*, & the
diversum (pinnately leaved) growing with
it. I think I wrote you that
I had ~~not~~ found the *Cuspidium acro-*
tychoides, on the hills near *Blanc*,
slightly branched at top. Yesterday
I examined a hundred or more *champs*